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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

Provides information on the following three non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: AIESEC International, Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce and International Association "Znanie".

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on three non-governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on each NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the applications of, and information on, the three NGOs referred to in the annex to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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AIESEC INTERNATIONAL

[Translators: AIESEC was formerly the International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce, and its ECOSOC accreditation appears under that name. However, the correct name of this NGO is now AIESEC International.]

Historical background

AIESEC International was founded in 1948 as an international non-political, non-profit, student-run, independent educational foundation. Its main objective is to connect young people and to facilitate international traineeship exchanges as the core of any learning experience.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

President
Directors (five)
Vice-Presidents (two)

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Connecting global youth for participation and involvement of youth in activities of the United Nations and UNIDO;

(b) Presenting UNIDO activities to global youth in developing countries, particularly in least developed countries;

(c) Participating in UNIDO field projects through AIESEC's international network benefiting from work and cultural experience;

(d) Facilitating international traineeship exchanges and supporting activities that provide practical learning experiences, thus sharing experiences in cross-cultural management and communication and development of strategies and activities.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, International Labour Organization and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Relations with NGOs

Fostering strategic partnership in various activities at the local level with the European Baha'i Business Forum, World Business Council on Sustainable Development, Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum, Civicus, Ashoka and a number of other organizations.

Membership

Associations of students and recent graduates in the field of economics and management in 83 countries.

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AUSTRO-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Historical background

The Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce was established in 1989 and works under the umbrella of the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries. The objective of the Chamber is to promote commercial, industrial, tourist and financial relations between Arab and European countries, particularly Austria.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

President
Vice-President
Secretary-General
Treasurer
Board of Directors

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Strengthening economic, trade and industrial relationships between Europe, particularly Austria, and the Arab countries through the organization of training courses, exchanging information, preparation of reports, studies, market surveys and consultative issues;

(b) Issuing a periodical bulletin, in Arabic, German and English, covering industrial development, industrial projects, developments in environmental protection, electronic trade, investment incentives in Austria and the Arab world, particularly targeting small and medium enterprises;

(c) Organizing meetings and conferences covering industrial, agricultural, commercial and tourist sectors;

(d) Collecting and circulating statistics and other information relating to trade, commerce, tourism, shipping and manufacturing in the countries of its coverage;

(e) Raising with the competent authorities the problems affecting the development of trade relations between those countries, and indicate the measures, which the Chamber deems appropriate to solve these problems.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Cooperation with all Arab embassies accredited in Austria.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries; Joint Arab Chambers of Commerce in Europe and the Americas, Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Arab Industrial Unions; Union of Austrian Small-scale Corporations, regional and local financing and investment institutions.

Membership

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION "ZNANIE"

[translators: "Zhanie" is Russian for "knowledge", but the name is used in the English title of this NGO]

Historical background

The International Association of non-governmental educational organizations "Znanie" was founded in Moscow in July 1947. Previously known as the All-Union Znanie Society, the organization's objective is to disseminate knowledge worldwide.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

Congress
Presidential Council
Executive Committees

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Creating a network of national educational centres in the field of development, the status of women, labour relations, nutrition, human settlements, environment, health protection, and human rights;

(b) Disseminating humanistic and technical knowledge, information, scientific and research projects and programmes;

(c) Disseminating knowledge to promote life-long education and distant adult learning programmes using different communication channels;

(d) Carrying out independent assessments of regional, national and international programmes, scientific, technological, ecological and social projects and ideas, enlisting the services of the leading scholars, specialists and organizations from different countries;

(e) Organizing international conferences and seminars on adult education.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations (consultative status with ECOSOC), UNESCO.

Relations with NGOs

International Council and European Association for Adult Education and other cultural and educational centres of various countries. Cooperation with NGOs dealing with various issues such as the status of women, labour relations, development, nutrition settlements, health protection, environment, and social justice.

Membership

32 NGOs with more than 4 million members in the Russian Federation and NIS countries, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, Romania, USA and Viet Nam.

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